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SUBJ: WTO: MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. SECRETARY GENERAL LONATI HAD SCALE OF ASSESSMENT COMPUTED FOR WTO FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1 ON BASIS OF 78 STATES WHICH HAD RATIFIED STATUTES AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1975 (FAIRLY COMPLICATED WEIGHINGS REQUIRED FOR COMPUTATION UNDER LUSAKA FORMULA PERFORMED BY SATELLE INSTITUTE GENEVA.) AS RESULT OF COMPUTING ASSESSMENTS BEFORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD DEPOSITED NOTIFICATIONS PERCENTAGES IN EACH CATEGORY UNDER LUSAKA FORMULA WERE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED, BUT WILL DECLINE AS MEMBERSHIP INCREASES. MORE TO POINT MANY MEMBERS AS OF NOVEMBER 30 FIND SELVES OCCUPYING CONTRIBUTORY CLASSES ENVISAGED FOR LARGER DEVELOPED STATES. SPAIN WAS BILLED FOR CATEGORY ONE SLOT DESIGNED FOR US, PAYING 4,641 PERCENT OR DOLLARS 116,026 AS ITS SHARE OF TWO AND HALF MILLION DOLLAR 1976 BUDGET. CATEGORY TWO CONTRIBUTIONS OF 2.641 PERCENT OR DOLLARS 66,026 BILLED TO GDR, MEXICO, ARGENTINA, ISRAEL, GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA, LUWAIT AND VENEZUELA. SIMILARLY OTHER STATES FOUND THEMSELVES UNEXPECTEDLY AMONG TWENTY STATES EACH IN CATEGORIES THREE AND FOUR (1.641 AND 1.141 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY).

2. LONATI INFORMED THESE STATES THAT CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE RECALCULATED AT END OF NOVEMBER 1976 TAKING INFO ACCOUNT ALL STATES TO HAVE RATIFIED BY THAT DATE AND OVERPAYMENTS WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CREDITED IN CALCULATING ASSESSMENTS DUE FOR 1977. HE REPORTED

NO ADVERSE REACTIONS.

3. AS OF FEBRUARY 2 TEN MORE STATES, MAINLY LARGER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS, HAD DEPOSITED RATIFICATIONS: NOTABLY AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, FRG, POLAND, USSR AND US. LONATI HAD ASSESSMENTS RECOMPUTED FOR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AS OF FEBRUARY 2 TO ESTABLISH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THESE NEW MEMBERS. UNDER THIS RECOMPUTATION US CONTRIBUTION FIXED AT 4.568 PERCENT OR DOLLARS 114,204. US CONTRIBUTION TO WORKING CAPITAL FUND FIXED AT DOLLARS 5,710.20. HE PLANS TO SEND NOTIFICATIONS TO US AND OTHER NEW MEMBER STATES WITHIN WEEK.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY ALGERIA HAS DEPOSITED RATIFICATION BRINGING TOTAL WTO MEMBERSHIP TO 89 AS OF FEBRUARY 10.

5. BESIDES CREDITING STATES IN 1977 FOR OVERPAYMENTS RESULTING FROM INCREASES IN MEMBERSHIP DURING 1976 (PARA 2 ABOVE) STATES WILL BE CREDITED FOR FUNDS UNEXPENDED UNDER 1976 BUDGET AS WTO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (AS REVISED BY FIRST ASSEMBLY) DO NOT PERMIT CARRY-OVERS WITHIN BIENNIUM. LONATI DISMAYED BY THIS RESTRICTION AND LEFT IMPRESSION HE MAY BE EXPECTED TO WORK TOWARD ITS REVISION.
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